

High-Tech Imaging Scans and Tests

Effective July 1, 2010, members of all health care plans, provided by either Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware (BCBSD) or Aetna, must have an order for a high-tech imaging scan or test approved by MedSolutions prior to having the scan or test performed. High-Tech Imaging Scans and Tests include:

- Computerized Tomography (CT)/Computed Tomography Angiography (CTA);
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI)/Magnetic Resonance Angiography (MRA);
- Positron-Emission Tomography (PET); and
- Nuclear Cardiac Imaging studies.

Requests for these tests, to be performed as an out-patient, must be reviewed and approved by MedSolutions to determine if the test is appropriate for the member's medical condition. It is the treating physician's responsibility to submit and receive approval for the high-tech imaging scan/test prior to the member receiving the scan/test. When the physician receives approval the scan/test may then be scheduled with the scanning/testing facility.

Failure to receive approval prior to having the test performed will result in the claim being denied and the provider (scanning/testing facility) held accountable for the entire cost of the scan/test. Should a member request that a scan/test be performed, even though the authorization was denied, the member is responsible for the costs.

Scans and tests performed during a member's hospitalization or Emergency Room visit are exempt from this program.

The member is responsible for applicable out-of-pocket expenses.

For BCBSD's members...

Additional information on this program is provided in the BCBSD's Summary Plan Description for each health care plan located at <http://ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/bcbs/index.shtml>

For Aetna's members...

Additional information on this program is provided in the Aetna's Summary Plan Description located at <http://ben.omb.delaware.gov/medical/aetna/index.shtml>

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BCBSD's Customer Services at 1-800-633-2563 or 429-0260
Aetna's Customer Services at 1-877-542-3862